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SOVIET PARAMILITARY SOCIETIES MERGE INTO DOSAAF USSR

Dosaaf USSR -- the All-Union Volunteer Society for Cooperation With the Army, Air Force, and Navy -- came into being recently with the merger of Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot, which had been in existence since 1948. The exact date of the unification is not known, but it is presumed to have been around 1 September 1951. Three issues of Patriot Rodiny, the official organ of the paramilitary societies, No 67-69, published 22 - 29 August, were not available in CIA. On 2 September, however, the masthead, which had previously listed the paper as the organ of Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot, was changed to read: "Newspaper of the All-Union Volunteer Society for Cooperation With the Army, Air Force, and Navy (Dosaaf USSR)".

The lead editorial on 12 September, "Conduct the Unification of Primary Organizations on a High Level," indicated that unification had already begun. On 19 September, Patriot Rodiny carried an article on page 2, "Conduct the Unification of Primary Organizations of the Societies in an Organized Manner," signed by Colonel General V. Kuznetsov, chairman, Organization Committee, Dosaaf USSR. Colonel General Vasilii Ivanovich Kuznetsov had been chairman of the Dosarm Organization Committee, and later chairman of the Dosarm Central Committee.

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Kuznetsov's article, which contains all the information in the 12 September editorial, is presented below.

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The unification of Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot into a single society -- Dosaaf USSR -- is an important political measure. The unification of the societies has as its aim the elimination of parallelism in the administration of their work, strengthening of the society's ranks, and improvement of organizational, mass military, and sports and training work among members of the society and the populace. It signifies a new, higher step in the development of mass military work.

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The new society must become a real mass organization, training its members in the spirit of supreme dedication to the Socialist homeland and to the great cause of the party of Lenin and Stalin, and of perpetual readiness to defend the Soviet state. The society is called upon to propagandize and to disseminate on a broad scale military, technical military, aviation, and naval skills, to train its members in military specialties, and to develop mass military, air, and naval sports.

The successful solution of the society's tasks will depend largely upon the extent of organization and the speed with which organization committees are able to unite Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot groups into single primary organizations of Dosaaf.

The Organization Committee of Dosaaf USSR has pledged organization committees of union and autonomous republics, krays, oblasts, cities, and rayons to conduct unification meetings of members of primary organizations from 15 September to 20 October 1951. However, this important work has not yet properly gotten under way due to the slowness in formation of organization committees in rayons and cities. While organization committees were set up everywhere in Crimea, Penza, and Yaroslavl' oblasts by 14 September 1951, this work is just being begun in Altay, Krasnoyarsk, and Khabarovsk krays, and Astrakhan', Chkalov, and other oblasts. Committees of the society in the latter areas have failed to establish the necessary contact with soviet and party organizations.

The organization committees' activities are expected to continue for a long time. Not only will they formulate the unification of Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot groups into single primary organizations of Dosaaf, but they will also direct their practical work until administrative bodies can be elected. In some places, however, the functions of organization committees have not been understood correctly, and it has been assumed that they have been organized only for the period of unification and transfer of business and inventory from one society to the other. Such a concept leads to serious error and invariably results in a slackening in the mass military work of organizations of the society.

The unification of the Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot societies into a single society opens up great possibilities for the creation everywhere of strong, workable primary organizations, and will permit the broader development of mass military work.

Special attention must be paid to the creation of primary organizations in the rural areas. There should not be one kolkhoz, one sovkhoz, nor one MTS without an organization of the society.

Growth of the ranks of the society is the most important task of the organization committees and of every primary organization. Experience shows that where the work of unification has been handled properly and propaganda of military, aviation, and naval knowledge has been developed skillfully, primary organizations grow, and their work improves. At the Samarkand Tea-Processing Factory, propagandists have conducted several discussions on the aims and tasks of the society and have aroused interest in military knowledge among the youth. More than 100 persons entered the society. At the school for kolkhoz personnel the organization grew by over 200 persons.

Circles for the study of naval specialties are being conducted at the Rostov-on-Don Shoe Factory imeni Mikoyan. In the group there are 14 boat crews which train regularly at the water sports station. The membership of the society is increasing steadily.

The training and material bases of primary organizations will be more stable as a result of unification. The work of circles must not be curtailed during the unification period. Circles are the form for mass training of the society's members in military specialties. This form has justified itself in practice.

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It is precisely because of this that the Organization Committee of Dosaaf USSR has obligated republic, kray, oblast, city, and rayon organization committees to retain existing circles and sports teams in Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot primary organizations, and to organize new circles and teams in conformance with requests of members of the society.

Primary organizations have rallied about themselves a large aktiv, which must be preserved as the "golden fund" of the society and drawn into practical work. Every enterprise, kolkhoz, MTS, institution, and educational institute has several reserve officers and demobilized soldiers, who must be called together and talked with, and they will eagerly assume the direction of a circle in the capacity of instructor and member of the society.

All work of unifying Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot primary organizations into single organizations of Dosaaf must be completed by 20 October at the latest. This makes it necessary for organization committees in republics, krays, and oblasts to have on hand a well-thought-out plan of action for the unification of the societies and for guaranteeing completion of that plan on schedule. First, the chairmen of organization committees set up in rayons and cities must be called together and the decrees of the Organization Committee of Dosaaf USSR on the order of unification and instructions for transfer of material property gone over in detail with them. Where, for some reason, circumstances do not permit the calling together of all organization committee chairmen, group conferences must be held. The instruction of organization committee chairmen will prevent errors and misinterpretations during the unification period.

It was decided to conduct meetings of aktivs of the society in rayons and cities in Molotov Oblast. This initiative of the organization committee deserves praise. Without the mobilization of the aktiv, without its support, it is impossible to complete the organization of single primary organizations at enterprises, kolkhozes, MTS, institutions, and educational institutes on schedule and in an organized manner.

In a number of republics, krays, and oblasts, organization committees are preparing articles for publication in local newspapers on aims and procedure for unification, scheduling radio appearances for committee members, choosing material to aid agitators and speakers, and organizing exhibits and displays depicting the society's activities.

In order to conduct unification meetings of members, as well as factory-wide, kolkhoz-wide, and similar meetings in an organized manner, on schedule, and on a high ideological level, it is necessary to draw up carefully a planned schedule for the conduct of meetings, to discuss them at organization committee conferences, and to have them approved by party organizations. It is important to take into consideration lessons learned from the reports and elections meetings of Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot administrative organs; then, because planned schedules were insufficiently thought out and hurriedly drawn up, general meetings and conferences at many enterprises either broke down or were postponed several times. Such disorganization at this time is not to be condoned.

The preparation of a room and the selection of a convenient time for the meeting will be of great importance for the timely and organized conduct of joint meetings of members of the societies, as well as for conferences. These considerations must not be underrated. Full attendance of all members of the societies at meetings hinges upon them.

It would be a serious violation of instructions for organization committees to permit meetings to be held with less than 50 percent of Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot members present. Such cases did occur in the last reports and elections meetings in a number of oblasts.

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The Organization Committee of Dosaaf USSR has decreed that the report at a unification meeting or conference shall be made by a representative of the city or rayon organization committee. Therefore, organization committees must select and carefully instruct speakers beforehand. All reports should be well prepared and approved at meetings of the organization committees. Prior to the meeting, a representative of the organization committee must check the list of members and determine the actual membership of the organization.

The election of committees, auditing commissions, and delegates to conferences will be conducted by secret ballot. Only the chairman of the committee and his deputy are to be chosen by open ballot at a meeting of the committee.

The selection of cadres is the decisive factor of success in any work. The strengthening of the primary organization, the vitalization of its work, and the growth in its membership depend to a considerable degree upon the membership of the committee. The most able man, regardless of the society to which he belongs, should be recommended unconditionally for chairman of the committee.

Unification meetings of primary organizations began only recently, and even this is not the case everywhere. The period for holding these meetings is coming to an end. This makes it necessary for organization committees from the beginning to effect operational direction over the unifications and to give primary organizations daily aid. Complacency in this work is inadmissible. Organization committees on questions of the progress of the conduct of unification meetings and conferences are proceeding correctly.

Information is of the most vital importance in directing the unification of the societies. Each organization committee must therefore make certain that the committee to which it is subordinate is provided with the proper information within the time specified.

After unification of primary organizations is completed and committees and their chairmen are elected, the chairmen must be called together no later than 1 November 1951 for instruction consultations on questions of the practical work of primary organizations.

The unification of the societies is being carried out under the direction of party organizations, with the extensive aid of Komsomol, trade union, and other social organizations. This aid will continue to increase. All the chairmen of organization committees have to do is to place their principal questions before party organizations, soviets, Komsomol and trade union organizations at the right time.

The unification of Dosarm, Dosav, and Dosflot into the All-Union Voluntary Society for Cooperation With the Army, Air Force, and Navy (Dosaaf USSR) is taking place against a background of great political activity among the workers of our country. The Soviet people with great enthusiasm are signing the appeal of the World Peace Council on the conclusion of a peace pact among the five great powers. The voice of the Soviet people is a stern warning to the US and British warmongers.

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